

What is claimed is:

1. A transgenic plant with a modified trait, which plant comprises a recombinant polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising a sequence selected from a sequence in Appendix A, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereof;

(b) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising a conservatively substituted variant of a polypeptide of (a);

(c) a nucleotide sequence comprising a sequence selected from those of SEQ ID Nos. N-1, where N=1-109 or Appendix A, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereof;

(d) a nucleotide sequence comprising silent substitutions in a nucleotide sequence of (c);

(e) a nucleotide sequence which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a nucleotide sequence of one or more of: (a), (b), (c), or (d);

(f) a nucleotide sequence comprising at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of a sequence of any of (a)-(e);

(g) a nucleotide sequence comprising a subsequence or fragment of any of (a)-(f), which subsequence or fragment encodes a polypeptide that modifies a plant's trait;

(h) a nucleotide sequence having at least 31% sequence identity to a nucleotide sequence of any of (a)-(g);

(i) a nucleotide sequence having at least 60% identity sequence identity to a nucleotide sequence of any of (a)-(g);

(j) a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide having at least 31% identity sequence identity to a polypeptide of Appendix A;

(k) a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide having at least 60% identity sequence identity to a polypeptide of Appendix A; and

(l) a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide having at least 65% sequence identity to a conserved domain of a polypeptide of Appendix A.

2. The transgenic plant of claim 1, further comprising a constitutive, inducible, or tissue-active promoter operably linked to said nucleotide sequence.

3. The transgenic plant of claim 1, wherein the plant is selected from the group consisting of: soybean, wheat, corn, potato, cotton, rice, oilseed rape, sunflower, alfalfa, sugarcane, turf, banana, blackberry, blueberry, strawberry, raspberry, cantaloupe, carrot, cauliflower, coffee, cucumber, eggplant, grapes, honeydew, lettuce, mango, melon, onion, papaya, peas, peppers,

pineapple, spinach, squash, sweet corn, tobacco, tomato, watermelon, rosaceous fruits, and vegetable brassicas.

4. An isolated or recombinant polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising a sequence selected from Appendix A, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereof;
  - (b) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising a conservatively substituted variant of a polypeptide of (a);
  - (c) a nucleotide sequence comprising a sequence selected from those of SEQ ID Nos. N-1, where N=1-109 or in Appendix A, or a complementary nucleotide sequence thereof;
  - (d) a nucleotide sequence comprising silent substitutions in a nucleotide sequence of (c);
  - (e) a nucleotide sequence which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a nucleotide sequence of one or more of: (a), (b), (c), or (d);
  - (f) a nucleotide sequence comprising at least 15 consecutive nucleotides of a sequence of any of (a)-(e);
  - (g) a nucleotide sequence comprising a subsequence or fragment of any of (a)-(f), which subsequence or fragment encodes a polypeptide that modifies a plant's trait;
  - (h) a nucleotide sequence having at least 31% sequence identity to a nucleotide sequence of any of (a)-(g);
  - (i) a nucleotide sequence having at least 60% identity sequence identity to a nucleotide sequence of any of (a)-(g);
  - (j) a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide having at least 31% identity sequence identity to a polypeptide of Appendix A;
  - (k) a nucleotide sequence which encodes a polypeptide having at least 60% identity sequence identity to a polypeptide of Appendix A; and
  - (l) a nucleotide sequence which encodes a conserved domain of a polypeptide having at least 65% sequence identity to a conserved domain of a polypeptide of Appendix A.
5. The isolated or recombinant polynucleotide of claim 4, further comprising a constitutive, inducible, or tissue-active promoter operably linked to the nucleotide sequence.
6. A cloning or expression vector comprising the isolated or recombinant polynucleotide of claim 4.

7. A cell comprising the cloning or expression vector of claim 6.
8. A transgenic plant comprising the isolated or recombinant polynucleotide of claim 4.
- 5 9. A composition produced by one or more of:
  - (a) incubating one or more polynucleotide of claim 4 with a nuclease;
  - (b) incubating one or more polynucleotide of claim 4 with a restriction enzyme;
  - (c) incubating one or more polynucleotide of claim 4 with a polymerase;
  - 10 (d) incubating one or more polynucleotide of claim 4 with a polymerase and a primer;
  - (e) incubating one or more polynucleotide of claim 4 with a cloning vector, or
  - (f) incubating one or more polynucleotide of claim 4 with a cell.
- 10 10. A composition comprising two or more different polynucleotides of claim 4.
- 15 11. An isolated or recombinant polypeptide comprising a subsequence of at least about 15 contiguous amino acids encoded by the recombinant or isolated polynucleotide of claim 4.
12. A plant ectopically expressing an isolated polypeptide of claim 11.
- 20 13. A method for producing a plant having a modified characteristic, the method comprising altering the expression of the isolated or recombinant polynucleotide of claim 4 or the expression levels or activity of a polypeptide of claim 11 in a plant, thereby producing a modified plant, and selecting the modified plant for a modified trait thereby providing the modified plant with a  
25 modified trait.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein the polynucleotide is a polynucleotide of claim 4.
15. A method of identifying a factor that is modulated by or interacts with a polypeptide  
30 encoded by a polynucleotide of claim 4, the method comprising:
  - (a) expressing a polypeptide encoded by the polynucleotide in a plant; and
  - (b) identifying at least one factor that is modulated by or interacts with the polypeptide.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the identifying is performed by detecting binding by the polypeptide to a promoter sequence, or detecting interactions between an additional protein and the polypeptide in a yeast two hybrid system.

5 17. The method of claim 15, wherein the identifying is performed by detecting expression of a factor by hybridization to a microarray, subtractive hybridization or differential display.

18. A method of identifying a molecule that modulates activity or expression of a polynucleotide or polypeptide of interest, the method comprising:

10 (a) placing the molecule in contact with a plant comprising the polynucleotide or polypeptide encoded by the polynucleotide of claim 4; and,

(b) monitoring one or more of:

(i) expression level of the polynucleotide in the plant;

(ii) expression level of the polypeptide in the plant;

15 (iii) modulation of an activity of the polypeptide in the plant; or

(iv) modulation of an activity of the polynucleotide in the plant.

19. An integrated system, computer or computer readable medium comprising one or more character strings corresponding to a polynucleotide of claim 4, or to a polypeptide encoded by the polynucleotide.

20. The integrated system, computer or computer readable medium of claim 19, further comprising a link between said one or more sequence strings to a modified phenotype.

25 21. A method of identifying a sequence similar or homologous to one or more polynucleotides of claim 4, or one or more polypeptides encoded by the polynucleotides, the method comprising:

(a) providing a sequence database; and,

30 (b) querying the sequence database with one or more target sequences corresponding to the one or more polynucleotides or to the one or more polypeptides to identify one or more sequence members of the database that display sequence similarity or homology to one or more of the one or more target sequences.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the querying comprises aligning one or more of the target sequences with one or more of the one or more sequence members in the sequence database.

5 23. The method of claim 21, wherein the querying comprises identifying one or more of the one or more sequence members of the database that meet a user-selected identity criteria with one or more of the target sequences.

10 24. The method of claim 21, further comprising linking the one or more of the polynucleotides of claim 4, or encoded polypeptides, to a modified phenotype.

25. A plant comprising altered expression levels of an isolated or recombinant polynucleotide of claim 4.

15 26. A plant comprising altered expression levels or the activity of an isolated or recombinant polypeptide of claim 11.

27. A plant lacking a nucleotide sequence encoding a polynucleotide of claim 11.